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EDWARD R. MURROW PROGRAM FOR JOURNALISTS

A Regional Project for South America

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Project Goals:

- Examine the rights and responsibilities of a free press in a democracy;
- Observe operational practices, standards and institutions of the media in the U.S.;
- Gain insight into the social, economic and political structures of the U.S.;
- Participate in professional development seminars and an international symposium highlighting current trends and challenges in the media profession, foreign affairs reporting and political affairs coverage.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Argentina	Mr. Fabricio Jose GLIBOTA Reporter, <i>Diario Norte</i> newspaper, Province of Chaco
Bolivia	Ms. Monica Patricia SALVATIERRA SORUCO National News Editor, P.A.T.TV National Network, Santa Cruz
Chile	Mr. Francisco Javier MARTINICH FIGUEROA Director, <i>El Diario Concepcion</i> (regional newspaper and part of national media group)
Costa Rica	Mr. Jose Mario GUZMAN CONEJO News Director, RTN News Program, Channel 13
Dominican Republic	Ms. Amelia Maria DESCHAMPS LOPEZ Co-Anchor, Telesistema, Channel 11 Program “El Dia”
Ecuador	Mrs. Ivonne Eulalia GUZMAN VERA Editor, Cultural Section, <i>Diario El Comercio</i> Mr. Allen Javier PANCHANA MACAY National News Director, Ecuavisa television
El Salvador	Ms. Nery Mabel REYES ZELAYA News Director, YSKL; Anchor, prime time news radio program Voice of America correspondent President, Salvadoran Press Association
Honduras	Mr. Cesar Antonio RIVERA IRIAS Editor, Al Frente (Front Page), Coordinator, Investigative Unit <i>El Heraldo</i> daily newspaper
Mexico	Mr. Arturo LOPEZ FERNANDEZ Editor, Justice and Society Section (political and security issues) <i>Excelsior</i> newspaper, Mexico City
Panama	Mr. Santiago CUMBRERA DIAZ Investigative Journalist, <i>La Prensa</i>
Paraguay	Mr. Guillermo DOMANICZKY DE AMORIZA News Anchor, Political Analyst, Channel 13

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Mr. Italo Rider JIMENEZ YARLEQUE
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Radio Santo Domingo, Chimbote

Peru

Ms. Bibiana MELZI RODRIGUEZ
News Producer, Frecuencia Latina Broadcasting Station

Mr. Jorge Antonio MORENO MATOS
Senior International Reporter, International Section
El Comercio daily newspaper

Venezuela

Mr. Eugenio Jose MARTINEZ
Journalist (electoral and democracy issues)
El Universal newspaper

Mr. Eduardo Jose RODRIGUEZ GIOLITTI
News anchor and correspondent, Venevision, Channel 4.
News anchor, Union Radio

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Argentina

Name: **Mr. Fabricio Jose GLIBOTA**

Present Position: Reporter, *Diario Norte* newspaper, Province of Chaco

Concurrent Position: Reporter for 'Raza Chaco' Radio, University of Resistencia (UTN), 2005

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Professional Background:

Bolivia

Name: **Ms. Monica Patricia SALVATIERRA SORUCO**

Present Position: National News Editor, P.A.T.TV National Network, Santa Cruz

Previous Positions: News Editor, UNITEL TV Network
Editor, Political Supplement, *El Dia*
Press Chief, *La Estrella Del Oriente*
Editor, Community, Politics and Economy issues, *El Mundo*
Press Chief, Santa Cruz Branch, UNITEL Network.

Education/Training: University degree in Social Communication Sciences, Private University of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Santa Cruz Bolivia, 1991

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U.S. Travel: Florida

Other Travel: Mexico

Professional Background: Ms. Salvatierra is responsible for the development of P.A.T. TV Network's news programs. Also, she is in charge of maintaining the Network's editorial line, and of ensuring the quality of the Network's programs at the national level. In addition, she is P.A.T.'s Personnel Manager. Prior to her work at P.A.T., she was Press Chief at the Santa Cruz branch of UNITEL TV Channel for 4 years. Also, shw was a correspondent for Fides News Correspondent Agency. She has 17 years of experience as a print press and TV journalist.

Chile

Name:

Mr. Francisco Javier MARTINICH FIGUEROA

Present Position:

Director, *El Diario Concepcion* (regional newspaper and part of national media group)

Previous Positions:

General Editor, *Diario La Discusion*, 2008
Journalist, *Diario La Discusion*, 2003
Journalist at *Diario El Sur*, 2003
Journalist, Universidad de Concepcion (TV Station) and *El Mercurio de Valparaiso*, 1998

Education/Training:

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Background:*

Mr. Francisco Martinic is an accomplished journalist, who has worked his way from being a reporter to becoming Director of *El Diario de Concepcion*, a regional newspaper established in 2008 by the University of Concepcion in partnership with Consorcio Periodístico de Chile, COPESA, a media company. He has also served as the General Editor for *La Discusion de Chillan*.

Costa Rica

Name: **Mr. Jose Mario GUZMAN CONEJO**

Present Position: News Director, RTN News Program, Channel 13

Previous Positions: Audiovisual Production, Costa Rican Electricity Institute, 2010
Director, RTN News Program, Channel 13, 2007
Information Chief, RTN, Channel 13, 2004
Journalist, RTN, Channel 13, 1999

Education/Training: Licenciatura degree, Mass Communication, San Judas Tadeo University, 2006
English for Journalists, Costa Rican-U.S.Cultural Center, 2006
Bachelor's degree, Communications, Latin University of Costa Rica, 2000

Memberships: Costa Rican Journalists' Guild

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U.S. Travel: No previous US travel

Other Travel: China, Guatemala, Singapore

Professional Background: Jose Mario Guzman is a journalist that works as news director of the only state-owned channel existing in Costa Rica, Channel 13. He began his professional career as a journalist at this channel back in 1999, and step by step he has moved up until becoming news director.

Dominican Republic

Name: **Ms. Amelia Maria DESCHAMPS LOPEZ**

Present Position: Co-Ancor, Telesistema, Channel 11 Program "El Dia"

Previous Positions: Investigative Journalist, El Informe con Alicia Ortega, 2005
TV News Producer, Multimedios el Caribe, 2001
Program Producer, Chanel 11, 1998

Education/Training: Master in Communication, Universidad Miguel Hernandez, Spain, 2006
Cinematography and Audiovisuals TV, Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo, 2004

Publications: Research papers:
Murder of aeronautical officer, 2007
Kidnap of children for prostitution purposes in Samana, 2007
Journalism in a changing society, Universidad Iberoamericana-Clave Digital, 2005

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U.S. Travel: Has traveled to the US

Other Travel: France, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain, Uruguay

Professional Background: As co-anchor in the leading morning TV news program "El Dia," Ms. Amelia Deschamps works hand-in-hand with the program's producer and head anchor, veteran journalist Huchi Lora. Ms. Deschamps worked in various Santo Domingo newsrooms before graduating from a local university in Communications. She entered the first Dominican 24/7 news station when she was a university student and she was quickly named the news channel's international editor.

Ecuador

Name: **Mrs. Ivonne Eulalia GUZMAN VERA**

Present Position: Editor, Cultural Section, *Diario El Comercio*

Previous Positions: Editor, Seven Days Magazine, 2010
Editor in Chief, Metrohoy, 2009
Information Chief, Charles Darwin Foundation, 2007
Coordinator, Seven Days Magazine, 2003

Education/Training: BA, Communication, Universidad Politecnica Salesiana, 2003

Memberships: Journalists Forum of Ecuador

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U.S. Travel: California, Florida

Other Travel: Belgium, France, Mexico, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Professional Background: Ms. Ivonne Guzman, an acclaimed editorialist, is currently the Editor of the Culture Section at *Diario El Comercio*. Her editorials have covered the most pressing topics the nation faces, from the challenges for press freedom to critiques of the government policies on healthcare.

Ecuador

Name: **Mr. Allen Javier PANCHANA MACAY**

Present Position: National News Director, Ecuavisa television

Previous Positions: International Writer, CNN +, 2009
Regional News Director, Ecuavisa, 2008
Chief of Information, Ecuavisa, 2005
Regional Editor, *La Hora*, 2005

Education/Training: Diploma in Communication, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 2009
BA in Communication, Universidad Catolica Santiago de Guayaquil, 2002

Publications: *The Handbook of Spanish Language Media* (Ecuador), Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, New York-London, 2009.
'La Oralidad Del Pueblo Montubio Se Pierde Con La Modernidad', Thesis, 2001

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U.S. Travel: Florida, Minnesota

Other Travel: Spain

Professional Background: Mr. Allen Panchana is the National News Director for Ecuavisa's Televistazo broadcast, five daily news programs and special news telemagazines. He joined Ecuavisa in 2005 and is especially interested in issues relating to freedom of the press.

El Salvador

Name: **Ms. Nery Mabel REYES ZELAYA**

Present Position: News Director, YSKL; Anchor, prime time news radio program
Voice of America correspondent
President, Salvadoran Press Association

Previous Positions: Journalist/Reporter, YSKL, 1990
Reporter, *Cadena de Oro*, 1989
Reporter, Radio America, 1988

Education/Training: BA, Journalism, University of El Salvador, 1996
Central American Journalism Program FIU (PROCEPER), Miami, 1989

Memberships: President, Association of Salvadoran Journalists

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U.S. Travel: Washington, DC

Other Travel: Germany, Netherlands

Professional Background: Ms. Nery Mabel Reyes is a top notch journalist, with more than 19 years expertise in radio news coverage, and who is currently the director of the most respected news radio station in El Salvador, YSKL. She is also the Salvadoran correspondent of VOA.

Honduras

Name: **Mr. Cesar Antonio RIVERA IRIAS**

Present Position: Editor, Al Frente (Front Page), Coordinator, Investigative Unit
El Heraldo daily newspaper

Previous Positions: Accountant, Corporacion Danubio, 1999

Education/Training: Bachelors degree, Journalism, National Autonomous University of Honduras, 2006

Publications: Received 5TH Prize at the 'Latin America and The Millennium Development Goals' Journalism Awards, organized by the Inter Press Service (IPS) news agency and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 2007 for a series about the Tolupan tribes Of Honduras

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U.S. Travel: Florida, New York

Other Travel: Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Italy, Mexico, Panama, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Professional Background: Mr. Cesar Rivera is the coordinator of the newspaper's Investigative Unit and editor of the section Al Frente. He has been recognized by the Inter Press Service (IPS) news agency and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for a series about social and economic problems among the Tolupan tribes of Honduras.

Mexico

Name: **Mr. Arturo LOPEZ FERNANDEZ**

Present Position: Editor, Justice and Society Section (political and security issues)
Excelsior newspaper, Mexico City

Previous Positions: Managing Editor, *Diario Monitor*, Mexico City, 2005
Co-editor, States Section, *Reforma*, Mexico City, 2004
Editor, Political Section, *El Independiente*, Mexico City, 2003
Editor, National Section, *La Cronica*, Mexico City, 1997

Education/Training: Diplomado (non-degree course) in practice of journalism under difficult conditions (reporting on organized crime), National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and American Press Association, 2010
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Other Travel: Chile

Professional Background: Mr. Arturo Lopez holds a key position in the most important sections of the print and webpage divisions of a major Mexico City newspaper *Excelsior*, the print media flagship of the news conglomerate Grupo Imagen. He leads the daily selection of news stories that are published on political and security issues.

Panama

Name: **Mr. Santiago CUMBRERA DIAZ**

Present Position: Investigative Journalist, *La Prensa*

Previous Positions: Public Relations Officer, Ministry Of Health, 1997
Editor, Investigative Unit, *Panama America*

Education/Training: Bachelors Degree in Journalism, University of Panama, 2002

Memberships: Foro Nacional de Periodistas (National Journalist Forum)

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U.S. Travel: No previous U.S. travel

Other Travel: Guatemala

Professional Background: Mr. Santiago Cumbrera Diaz is a member of *La Prensa's* investigative unit and was awarded the 2010 Forum de Periodista Award for his investigative journalism. Previously, when working for *Panama America*, he was also member of the investigative unit.

Paraguay

Name: **Mr. Guillermo DOMANICZKY DE AMORIZA**

Present Position: News Anchor, Political Analyst, Channel 13

Concurrent Position: Producer Prime Time News Noticiero 13, Teledifusora Paraguaya S.A.(Canal 13-Radio Cardinal 730 A.M.)
Director and Conductor, “La Manana de Cardinal,” TV Program
Producer, “Alto Perfil,” TV program

Previous Positions: General Editor of News, Paravisin S.A. (Canal 5) and Multimedia S.A.(Radio UNO 650 A.M.)
Producer, News, Paravisin S.A. (Canal 5)

Education/Training: B.S. in Journalism, National University of Asuncion

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Professional Background: Mr. Guillermo Domanisky is a political analyst and news anchor for Channel 13. He also holds a daily morning and afternoon radio shows on political and current national and international events. He is professor of journalism at the National University of Asuncion. Mr. Domanisky currently directs investigative journalism workshops for journalists called “Semillas Para la Democracia,” sponsored by USAID.

Peru

Name: **Mr. Italo Rider JIMENEZ YARLEQUE**

Present Position: Host, Interviewer and Content Web Manager, Radio Santo Domingo, Chimbote

Concurrent Position: Host and Director, "Punto Yaparte," TV show
Regional Correspondent, Institute for Press and Society (IPYS),
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Previous Positions: July-October 2010, Candidate for the Regional Government Arturo Torres Calderon (Alianza Para el Progreso)
Communication Advisor and Writer, *Cronica Viva*, 2010
Editor in Chief, *La Industria*, 2001
Deputy Editor in Chief, *La Industria*, Chimbote, 2001
Writer, Siete Dias en la Noticia (Seven Days in the News) magazine, 1994

Education/Training: Degree San Pedro University, 2011
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Professional Background: Mr. Italo Jimenez is considered one of the Chimbote's most important independent journalists. He is also the Chimbote representative of the Institute for Press and Society, an NGO that advocates for freedom of the press.

Peru

Name:

Ms. Bibiana MELZI RODRIGUEZ

Present Position:

News Producer, Frecuencia Latina Broadcasting Station

Previous Positions:

Consultant, Innovative Tools Video Producer-LAC Human Development World Bank, 2006
Field Producer and Freelance Reporter, IDL-Instituto de Defensa Legal (Legal Defense Institute), 2002
Freelance Local Producer for International Documentary Film Companies and News Agencies, 2001
Reporter and Producer, Frecuencia Latina, 1998
Reporter, Panamericana Television, 1997

Education/Training:

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**Professional
Background:**

Peru

Name: **Mr. Jorge Antonio MORENO MATOS**

Present Position: Senior International Reporter, International Section
El Comercio daily newspaper

Previous Positions: Teacher, San Marcos University, 1998
Editor, Lima Arts Museum, 1993

Education/Training: Masters of Journalism, San Martin de Porres University, 2004
Degree in History, San Marcos University, 2000

Publications: **El Reportero de la Historia (The Reporter Of History)**, *El Comercio*
Co-editor with the National Archives of the Catalogo del Fondo Real Audiencia, Siglo XVI (Catalog Of the Real Audience Fund)
Editor, *La Idea de Nacion en el Peru*
Booklet "Dominio Ysujecion de la Poblacion indigena a traves de la apropiacion de la tierra Yel agua en el Valle de Lima en el siglo XVII" (Control and Submission Of the Indigenous Population through Appropriation Of their Land and Water in the Lima Valley during the XVII Century)
"El Periodismo forense peruano del siglo XIX" (The Peruvian Forensic Journalism in the XIX Century), Equilao magazine
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Professional Background:

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Communications Advisor, Carlos Ocariz's Campaign, 2008
Editorial Coordinator, Sufragio magazine, 2005
- Education/Training:* Specialization in Organizational Development, Universidad
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- Memberships:* Member, Board of Directors, National Association of Journalists,
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- Publications:* *Estudiantes!*, Editorial 'Libros Marcados', 2007
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Other Travel:

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*Professional
Background:*

Mr. Eugenio Martinez is a leading journalist covering electoral and democracy issues in Venezuela. In addition to his responsibilities as a political reporter for *El Universal*, Mr. Martinez also hosts the weekly radio show "El Termómetro" on Radio Caracas (750 A.M.) and serves on the Board of Directors of the Press Workers National Union (SNTP). His union work is focused on coordinating professional development courses that present strategies for influencing public opinion. In the long term, Mr. Martinez also plans to work on consolidating rights to freedom of association in Venezuela.